



# COUNSELING & CAREER NEWS

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MONTVILLE HIGH SCHOOLS SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

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All information listed in the Counseling & Career News is available in the Career Resource Center at Montville High School.

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### Three Rivers Community College Senior Night

Tuesday, November 13 ~ 6-8 PM

Holiday Inn, Norwich

For info call Three Rivers at 860-383-5260

## COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAMS

- SAT Reg. 10/30/07 for 12/1/07 Test
- ACT Reg. 12/2/07 for 128/07 Test
- ACT @ MHS Sat., 2/9/08 Reg. Deadline: 1/4/08

## COLLEGE VISITATION SCHEDULE

- 10/29 11:30 Bryant University
- 10/31 9:00 Mass College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences
- 11/1 8:45 Drew University
- 11/13 12:00 Univ of Rhode Island
- 11/15 10:00 Rivier College
- 11/19 10:00 Univ of New Haven
- 11/20 9:30 Southern CT State Univ.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

- 10/31 ½ DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:15 DISMISSAL
- 11/3 6PM MHS Marching Madness
- 11/5 7PM MHS Alumni Meeting - Career Resource Center
- 11/12 NO School - Veterans' Day
- 11/15 Parent Teacher Conference - 11:15 DISMISSAL 12 - 2:30 & 6:30 - 8 PM
- 11/21-23 Thanksgiving Vacation - NO School

### New Web Pages:

Check out the New Web Pages off of the Montville High School Main Page [www.montvilleschools.org/highschool](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool)

- **MHS News** – links and daily announcement of events
- **Parent Advisory Group (PAG)** (Click on Newsletters) – cornerstone of shared decision-making, school improvement, and student and parent awareness at Montville High School
- **After High School** – Scholarship information for HS graduates. (click on Newsletters / Counseling & Career News)

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## What is the Counseling & Career Newsletter?

The C&C News is a scholarship information newsletter put out bimonthly by the MHS School Counseling Office, providing information on scholarships, open houses, special events, etc., available to Montville High School students.

All juniors and seniors receive a copy of the C&CNews through their homerooms. Students should *read* the scholarship summary to see if they meet the scholarship qualifications - they can then visit the Career Resource Center (CRC) or their Counselor to request the scholarship application.

The following are available in the Career Resource Center:

- Listings of College/Internship and Job opportunities
- Listings of Student Exchange & Volunteer Programs
- Approximately over 350 scholarship (\$\$) opportunities for the students of Montville High School throughout the school year.

All of the scholarships are also listed by month on the Counseling & Career Scholarship Web Page at:

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/index.html)

## INFORMATION TO SHARE

### ATTENTION SENIORS

#### INTERESTED STUDENTS MUST SEE DR. PHILLIPS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Project TLC (Technology Learning Community) is a learning community for students in two-year associate degree programs in the fields of **engineering technology**. Throughout the experience, students will be mentored by a technology advisor. Students will also participate in a paid Summer Institute to prepare for the college experience. Project TLC offers support to foster self-confidence and to assure student success as participants progress from Three Rivers to either a four-year college or the workplace. This program can be of very great benefit to students who may be "on the fence" about college and may feel limited financially or academically. Students should meet the following criteria:

- Be interested in technology, science, and engineering
- Have completed Algebra 2 by graduation
- Show academic promise (there is no GPA requirement)
- Be a senior and begin the program in August, 2008
- Have not committed to any particular college, or may believe college is not an option for them
- May feel they will need extra support to be successful academically in college

The following technology programs are included in the TLC program:

- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Fire Technology and Administration
- Manufacturing Engineering
- Architectural Design
- Electrical Engineering
- General Engineering
- Laser and Fiber Optic
- Mechanical Engineering
- Computer Science

## Three Rivers Community College

### Senior Night

high school seniors and their families

Tuesday, November 13 ~ 6-8 PM

Holiday Inn - Chealsearose Ballroom

Dinner will be provided

10 Laura Blvd, Norwich, CT - I-395, Exit 80

RSVP prior to Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>

For info call Three Rivers at 860-892-5750

## ATTENTION JUNIORS

### Three Rivers Community College

#### Career College Pathways Program (formerly called "Tech Prep")

Career College Pathways is a partnership program with Three Rivers Community College for students at Montville High School interested in general engineering technology, manufacturing engineering technology, early childhood education, hospitality management, accounting/business administration, or fire technology. Through this program, students can earn dual credit (Montville High School and Three Rivers at the same time) for certain specific courses. Credits may be transferable from Three Rivers to other colleges.

Students usually sign up during the tenth grade, and successfully complete all designated partnership courses before they graduate; however, juniors may still apply at this time. There is no cost, no obligation to attend Three Rivers upon graduation, and all classes are taught at Montville High School as part of the regular schedule.

To enter the program, an application must be completed. If you are interested, please see your school counselor before October 29.

### Connecticut College

#### New London Scholars Program / Spring 2008 Semester See Dr. Phillips, November 16, 2007

The New London Scholars Program was established in 1986 as a gift to the greater New London community from the College on the occasion of its seventy-fifth anniversary.

This program allows two senior honor students from each New London County high school, nominated by their guidance counselor, to take one four-credit class during the fall or spring semester, at no cost to the student or secondary school. The student is, however, responsible for any books or materials required by the instructor.

The spring course schedule is available online at the Records & Registration site ([http://www.conncoll.edu/academics/course\\_schedules.htm](http://www.conncoll.edu/academics/course_schedules.htm))

## ATTENTION SOPHOMORES

### Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)

#### Deadline: 11/9/07 ~ See Dr. Phillips

The mission of HOBY is to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with high school sophomores.

The Seminars bring together the best of two worlds: high school sophomores with demonstrated leadership qualities tomorrow's leaders with today's leaders who have distinguished themselves in business, education, government, the arts and sciences, and the professions. Through intense but informal discussions with these persons and among themselves, HOBY leaders get a realistic look at their nation, its people and their role in the world community.

Montville High School can name ONE sophomore representative, selected on leadership ability, sensitivity to others and desire to communicate knowledge to peers. The emphasis is on personal incentive and leadership potential.

Any interested sophomore MUST See Dr. Phillips, in the School Counseling office, by November 9, 2007 For additional Information visit: [www.hoby.org](http://www.hoby.org)

### U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The US Coast Guard Academy is hosting its first annual Youth Leadership Conference. The program is designed to expose young and developing leaders of tomorrow to situations where they can learn and apply principles of good leadership. The activities will be organized around academic challenges that will develop participants' critical thinking skills through engineering, policymaking, and science. Through these academic challenges, the students will not only apply their own leadership skills in small groups, but will also take new skills with them to help them as leaders in their own lives.

**WHO:** Students grades 8-10 seeking challenges leadership & academics

**WHAT:** A one-day program centered on academic and leadership challenges in Engineering, lawmaking & Science

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 3, 2007 | 7 AM – 7 PM

**WHERE:** United States Coast Guard Academy  
31 Mohegan Avenue | New London, CT 06320  
[admissions@exmail.uscga.edu](mailto:admissions@exmail.uscga.edu) | [www.uscga.edu](http://www.uscga.edu)

**COST:** FREE for all participants.\* Meals and materials are provided.

\* Participants MUST provide own transportation

For more information & to RSVP, contact the  
US Coast Guard Academy at 860-444-8294

## POST HIGH SCHOOL PLANS

This is the time for seniors to talk with their counselor about post high school plans and visit the Career Center; getting started early will lessen pressure and worry later in the senior year. Note that some colleges have early deadlines, especially for early decision or early action. When submitting college applications:

- Check to make sure requirements regarding SAT I, SAT II (subject tests), or ACT are met.
- Obtain complete applications. Make a copy for a draft. Check options for applying on-line.
- Make sure the counselor has a complete and updated list of school and community activities, honors received, and special projects you have done.
- Request letters of recommendation at least three weeks in advance of the deadline.
- Write required or optional essays, and have them checked by an appropriate person.
- **Proofread** the application and essay carefully.
- Obtain a transcript release form from the School Counseling secretary, and make sure it is correctly filled out (including social security number) and signed by a parent or guardian (if the student is under 18). A separate transcript request form must be filled out for each application.
- Take the completed application to the School Counseling office **at least two weeks in advance of the deadline**. Make sure all components of the application are in place; including all signatures, the check for the application fee, and the signed transcript request form. Note that some colleges and universities also require their own separate application for financial aid.

## FINANCIAL AID

The main types of student financial aid include grants and scholarships, loans, and work opportunities provided by colleges. Students may be offered a combination of these by particular colleges. **The basic required form for all colleges is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** This can be completed online or on paper after January 1, 2008.

Students should note that some colleges also require the **CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE**, particularly some of the more selective private ones. The PROFILE registration form lists colleges that require it, and can be completed online at the College Board website: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com). Paper copies of the PROFILE registration form are also available in the School Counseling office. The PROFILE registration form must be done early – at least four weeks before the college requires the completed PROFILE application.

There will be a **Financial Aid Workshop on Thursday, January 10** at 7PM in the high school cafeteria. This session will provide a detailed look at financial aid, and step-by-step instruction on completing the FAFSA.

## THE CONNECTICUT ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE TEST (CAPT)

The Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) was administered in May, 2007 to all tenth grade students, and to some eleventh and twelfth grade students in certain subject areas. Goal standards and proficiency level standards are set by the State Board of Education in the following four academic areas addressed by the test: Mathematics, Reading Across the Disciplines, Writing Across the Disciplines, and Science. Individual test results have been mailed to parents of current juniors, and seniors who made up sections of the CAPT. Please note that Montville High School requires all students to take all sections of the CAPT in order to graduate. If a student transferred to Montville High School, he or she is still required to take all sections of the CAPT in order to graduate, unless he or she is new to MHS and transferred here after the junior year. You will be notified by mail if your son or daughter is deficient in any CAPT area. Current juniors who did not meet the state proficiency level in any of the subject areas must retake those sections in the spring of 2008. Seniors who have not achieved the state proficiency level score on any of the four CAPT academic areas must demonstrate achievement of basic skills in that area through alternative criteria in order to graduate. If you have any questions regarding the CAPT graduation requirements or results, please contact an administrator (848-9208) or your son or daughter's counselor (848-1285).

**SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES****OCTOBER**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/October.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/October.htm)

**Cumberland Farms  
Believe and Achieve Scholarship**

**Application Period: 10/1/07 – 12/15/07**

The Believe and Achieve Scholarship program is open to students who live within 30 miles of any Cumberland Farms who are entering college in the Fall of 2008. The scholarship program is also open to children of Cumberland Farms employees. While the initiative takes academic performance into account, the award also considers the student's financial need.

Eligible high school seniors are encouraged to apply as soon as the application period opens on October 1. Information about the Believe and Achieve Scholarship, including entry criteria and deadlines, is available online at [www.cumberlandfarms.com](http://www.cumberlandfarms.com), as well as in all Cumberland Farms' store locations.

**COCA-COLA SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

**Deadline: 10/31 of each year.**

This is a paperless application. Students **MUST** apply on-line at [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) ~ MHS CEEB Code: 070599

CRITERIA: Coca-Cola Scholarships are awarded based on character, personal merit and commitment. Merit is demonstrated through leadership in school, civic and extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility, please call 1-800-306-COKE.

Additional information are available by visiting the Coca-Cola Scholars Program web-based application form [www.coca-colascholars.org](http://www.coca-colascholars.org) or by visiting the Career Resource Center at Montville High School.

**NOVEMBER**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/November.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/November.htm)

**Bennington Young Writers Competition**

**Deadline: 11/1/08**

The Bennington Young Writers Competition was established in 1999 to encourage a love of reading and writing amongst high school students. Bennington College regards writing as a serious academic endeavor and the College hopes to affirm this commitment through the Awards program. ([http://www.bennington.edu/news\\_bennyounwriter.asp](http://www.bennington.edu/news_bennyounwriter.asp))

Each year, Bennington invites students in the 10th, 11th, or 12th grade to submit their original writing for the Bennington Young Writers Competition.

First place winners in each category are awarded a prize of \$500. Second place winners receive \$250. For more information please contact the College at 800-833-6845.

Students may submit one of the following:

- poetry (a group of three poems)
- fiction (a short story or one-act play),
- nonfiction (a personal or academic essay)

**Montville Memorial Post # 10060  
Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary  
VOICE OF DEMOCRACY Scholarship Contest  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 1, Annually**

The Voice of Democracy, endorsed by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, (<http://www.nassp.org/>) is an annual national audio essay contest that is designed to foster patriotism by giving high school students in grades 9 through 12 the opportunity to voice their opinion about their personal obligations as an American and address their responsibility to our country.

All questions concerning the Voice of Democracy program should be submitted to VFW National Headquarters ([kharmer@vfw.org](mailto:kharmer@vfw.org)) or your local VFW Post ([www.vfwkc.org/post\\_location/Department.asp](http://www.vfwkc.org/post_location/Department.asp))

**Montville Memorial Post # 10060  
Veterans of Foreign Wars and its Ladies Auxiliary  
Patriot's Pen Scholarship  
Entry Deadline: Nov. 1, Annually**

Patriot's Pen, a youth-essay writing contest is a nationwide competition that gives students in grades 6, 7 and 8 the opportunity to write essays expressing their views on democracy. This year, more than 116,000 students participated in the annual contest.

Contestants write a 300-400 word essay based on an annual patriotic theme. The first-place winner receives a \$10,000 savings bond and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C. The top national winners each receive a savings bond anywhere from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

For more information, contact VFW National Headquarters ([swilson@vfw.org](mailto:swilson@vfw.org)) or your local VFW Post ([www.vfwkc.org/post\\_location/Department.asp](http://www.vfwkc.org/post_location/Department.asp)).

**New York University  
Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program  
Deadline: 11/01 Annually**

New York University is seeking nominations for the New York University Martin Luther King, Jr., Scholars Program. This honors program is designed to recognize students who demonstrate exceptional academic achievement and significant involvement in school and community activities and also exemplify the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Candidates should also exemplify the ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In addition to challenging academic and diverse cultural experiences, the Scholars Program includes a scholarship ranging from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

For additional information contact NYU Undergraduate Admissions office, 22 Washington Square North, New York NY 10011 ~ 212-998-4500. You can request more information on NYU via our online form.

<http://admissions.nyu.edu/getinfo>

**ATTENTION JUNIORS & SENIORS**

**Three Rivers Community College  
High School Partnership / SMET Program  
Deadline: November 2, 2007**

**All Interested Students MUST see Dr. Phillips**

If you are a junior or senior, you can get a head start on college by applying for a High School Partnership Scholarship at Three Rivers Community College.

Twenty scholarships will be available for eligible candidates each semester. Both Juniors & Seniors are encouraged to apply. However, priority will be given to seniors who have never participated in the Partnership Program.

Each Partnership participant can take one (1) course per semester under the scholarship program.

Partnership students can select courses at any campus site. We offer classes at the Mohegan and Thames campuses in Norwich, and Ella Grasso Tech in Groton.

Seniors & Juniors maintaining a B average or higher may participate in the High School Partnership Program.

A maximum of four (4) students from each school will be offered scholarships. However, additional students will be considered on a space available basis.

Students offered a scholarship are required to take a placement test and must attend orientation & Registration. Dates and times for testing and Orientation & Registration will be sent home to each applicants parents/guardians.

The Schedule of Classes is posted on our web site at [www.trcc.commmnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commmnet.edu).

Registration for eligible students is on a space available basis for courses. I encourage Partnership students to discuss and select alternate courses with you in the event their first choices are unavailable. Student must complete prerequisites to be eligible to register for a course. Course descriptions with prerequisite requirements are listed on our web site at [www.trcc.commmnet.edu](http://www.trcc.commmnet.edu). Select the ONLINE.COMMNET.EDU link located in the far right corner of our homepage. Please follow the sequence listed below for the SPRING 2008 class schedule. "Course Schedule", By Term (Spring 08); by college (Three Rivers Community College); Subject (please select all); Level (credit); GET COURSES.

High School Partnership | Three Rivers Community College | Attn: Joanna Doherty, Educational Assistant | 7 Mahan Drive | Norwich, CT 06360 | [jdoherly@trcc.commmnet.edu](mailto:jdoherly@trcc.commmnet.edu) | 860-383-5217

**DECEMBER**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/December.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/December.htm)

### **Boston University Scholarship Programs & Opportunities** **Deadline: December 1, 2007**

The University offers a variety of scholarship opportunities to qualified students to help them attain their academic goals.

- **Trustee Scholarship** – recognized outstanding academic performance and leadership ability.
- **Alexander Graham Bell Scholarship** – recognizes students with strong math and science backgrounds who have the potential to thrive at BU's College of Engineering.
- **Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.** – is dedicated to acknowledging those students who have embraced the ideals of one of the Universities most prominent alumni. Provides four-year, full-tuition awards for academically gifted students.
- Other Merit Scholarships

Visit <http://www.bu.edu/admissions/apply/scholarship.html> for more information & applications for the above listed scholarships.

### **SAE Engineering Scholarship Program**

#### **Deadline: 12/1 Annually**

#### **Applications accepted 9/1-12/1**

SAE is proud to offer a number of scholarships to qualified students who are interested in the study of engineering and related sciences.

There are two scholarship types:

- **Undesignated Scholarships:** These corporate sponsored scholarships range in value from \$1,000 to \$6,000. To qualify, the applicant must enroll in an engineering program accredited by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.
- **University Sponsored Scholarships:** These scholarships are sponsored by participating universities and colleges, and range in value from \$400 to full tuition. To qualify, the applicant must attend the named university and enroll in a specific program of engineering, if required.

Students are encouraged to retrieve the application and information on-line at: <http://www.sae.org/students/engschlr.htm> Can't find what you're looking for? Contact SAE Customer Service by phone at 1-724-776-4970, email [CustomerService@sae.org](mailto:CustomerService@sae.org).

### **Rider University - English department** **28th Annual High School Writing Contest** **Deadline: December 14, 2007**

Categories:

- **Essay:** Write a personal essay, labeled Essay, on a topic of your choice of no more than five double-spaced, typed pages.
- **Fiction:** Write a short story, labeled Fiction, of no more than five double-spaced, typed pages.
- **Poetry:** Write a poem of no more than 50 lines.

Rules:

- Type on the entry: Your name & address, Grade, Teachers Name, School Name & Address
- Include a letter from a teacher stating that the work is original and by you.
- Entries must be typed. Handwritten entries will not be read. Stories and essays must be double-spaced. Single-spaced prose will not be read. Please give your story, essay and or poem a title.
- Only one entry per category will be considered. Choose your best writing and send only one.

Mail your entry postmarked no later than December 14, 2007 to:  
Dr. Robbie Clipper Sethi, English Department | Rider University, 2083 Lawrenceville Rd, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648  
Prizes in each category: 1st \$100; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$25

All finalists will receive a Certificate of Honorable Mention. All winners will be considered for publication in Venture, Rider's Literary magazine.

Entries cannot be returned. Winners will be announced in April, 2008. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish to receive a list of winners.

### **AXA Achievement Scholarship**

#### **Deadline: 12/15/07**

Amount: \$10,000 – 25,000

Eligibility: High School seniors who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in their activities in school, the community or the workplace.

Applicants must:

- Be US citizens or legal residents
- Be current high school seniors who plan to enroll full-time in an accredited two-year or four-year college or university in the US by fall of 2008
- Demonstrate ambition and self-drive as evidenced by outstanding achievement in an activity in school, the community or the workplace and
- Be recommended by an unrelated adult who can attest to the student's achievement.

Download application on-line at:

[https://www.axaonline.com/rs/axa/about-us/33b\\_axa\\_achievement.html](https://www.axaonline.com/rs/axa/about-us/33b_axa_achievement.html)

**JANUARY**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/January.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/January.htm)

### **"Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarships Competition"**

#### **New London Lodge No. 360**

#### **Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks**

#### **Deadline: January 11, 2008**

Applications for the Elks National Foundation's 2008 Most Valuable Student contest will be available at your local Elks Lodge, online or by sending a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the Foundation. Applications for the 2008 contest have to be submitted to your local Elks Lodge by January 11, 2008.

The Elks National Foundation will award 500 four-year scholarships to the highest-rated boys and girls in the 2008 competition. Any high school senior who is a citizen of the United States is eligible to apply. Applicants need not be related to a member of the Elks. College students are not eligible to apply. Applicants must be citizens of the United States on the date their applications are signed; resident alien status does not qualify.

Applicants will be judged on financial need, leadership and scholarship. Additional information or to download application:

<http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm>

## **FINANCIAL AID WORKSHOP**

The Financial Aid Workshop for MHS Students & their parents will be on **Thursday, January 10, 2008** from 7-9 PM in the MHS cafeteria.

Topics will include:

- Detail completion of the FAFSA, College Board Profile
- Sources of Scholarships
- Information on Loans
- Discussion on all aspects of financial aid

For additional information contact:

Theodore H. Phillips, Director of School Counseling, at 860-848-1285.

### **Ithaca College**

#### **Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar Program**

#### **Deadline: January 15 Annually**

The MLK Scholar Program at Ithaca College engages students in significant and meaningful activities within a challenging and dynamic academic community. Selected students work closely with distinguished visitors to the College, conduct research, travel domestically and abroad, and take part in service projects. They will also receive up to full tuition each year in both merit-based and need-based aid. This award is renewable annually for up to four years of continued full-time enrollment at Ithaca College.

Students selected to participate in the MLK Scholar Program rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class, and have combined SAT I scores of 1200 and above.

For additional information visit [www.ithaca.edu/mlk/](http://www.ithaca.edu/mlk/) or call 800-429-4274. How to Apply: <http://www.ithaca.edu/mlk/apply.htm>

## FEBRUARY

<http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/February.htm>

### BIG Y SCHOLARSHIP

**Deadline: 2/1 (Annually)**

#### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Big Y® Scholarships are available to High School Seniors, Undergraduates, Graduates, Community College and Non-Traditional Students. All Big Y customers and their dependents in the Big Y Market Area and Big Y employees and their dependents, regardless of residence, are eligible.

In recognition of the efforts that area law enforcement officers and firefighters make in protecting Big Y customers and its employees, a unique series of eight scholarships are available specifically for dependents of these public servants.

#### WHAT ELSE IS REQUIRED?

The following information is also required:

- Transcript of grades.
- College Entrance Exams Scores
- At least two letters of recommendation, including at least one from a teacher.
- Big Y employees must submit one recommendation from their supervisor.
- Personal résumé/fact sheet (optional)
- Activities (for example: music, sports or organizations)
- Achievements
- Awards
- Community Involvement
- Leadership Positions
- Class Rank

Mail application and supporting documents together in one envelope to: Scholarship Committee | Big Y Foods Inc. | P.O. Box 7840 | Springfield, Ma 01102-7840 [http://www.bigy.com/education/y\\_scholarships.php](http://www.bigy.com/education/y_scholarships.php)

### Burger King Scholars Program

**Deadline: February 15, 2008**

**ON-LINE APPLICATION** ([www.bkcom/scholars](http://www.bkcom/scholars))

#### ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?

Students may apply from public, private, vocational, technical, parochial and alternative high schools throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico.

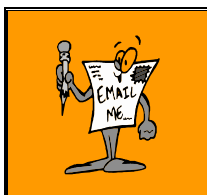
**APPLICANTS MUST BE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO:**

- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent.
- Work part-time an average of 15 hours per week, 40 weeks per year (unless individual circumstances prevents the student's involvement).
- Demonstrate participation in community service and/or co-curricular activities.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Plan to enroll in an accredited two/or four-year college, university, or vocational/technical school by Fall of the application year.
- Please note that students DO NOT have to be employed at a BURGER KING® restaurant to be eligible for a scholarship. However, BURGER KING® employees may be eligible.

**The following ACCESS KEY is required in order to complete your online application. ACCESS KEY: BKS**

Questions or additional information contact:

J.R. Simon at 615-320-3149 | [jrsimon@spaprog.com](mailto:jrsimon@spaprog.com) or  
Barby C. Dorado, Scholarship Programs Coordinator at 305-378-3186 |  
[bdorado@whopper.com](mailto:bdorado@whopper.com) | [www.bkcom/scholars](http://www.bkcom/scholars)



Sign-up today to receive the  
**MHS Counseling & Career  
Scholarship Newsletter** by E-mail!!!!  
Send an E-mail to:  
[dingoglia@montvilleschools.org](mailto:dingoglia@montvilleschools.org)  
& type CCNews in the subject line.

### HISPANIC SCHOLARSHIP FUND

**Application Deadline: FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

The National Commission for Cooperative Education is proud to assist and promote the Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF). Founded in 1975, HSF's vision is to strengthen the country by advancing college education among Hispanic Americans.

HSF scholarship opportunities are available to graduating high school seniors who plan to enroll in college, community college students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university, currently enrolled college students, and graduate and professional students. Students must be of Hispanic heritage, be U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents, have a cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.00 on a 4.00 scale (or the equivalent) and apply for federal financial aid using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For more details about HSF scholarship programs and to download an application, please visit the HSF web site at [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net).

### National Commission for Cooperative Education NATIONAL CO-OP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION

**Application Deadline: FEBRUARY 15, 2008**

#### NATIONAL COMPETITION GUIDELINES & CRITERIA:

- × High school GPA of 3.5 (B+) or better.
- × Complete the National Co-op Scholarship Program application including a typed one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program.
- × National Co-op Scholarship Application deadline: February 15, 2008
- × Please apply online ([www.co-op.edu](http://www.co-op.edu)) or return the mail-in application form and a typed one-page essay describing why you have chosen to pursue a college cooperative education program to:  
National Commission for Cooperative Education  
360 Huntington Ave., 384 CP | Boston, MA 02115-5096
- × The National Commission encourages minority and female students as well as students interested in science, mathematics, engineering and technology (SMET) to apply for this merit co-op scholarship.

### Three Rivers Community College Dominion Nuclear Connecticut Millstone Power Station Engineering Technology Scholarship Program Deadline 2/15 - annual scholarship

#### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

Dominion Nuclear Connecticut supports promising candidates for primarily Nuclear, but also Mechanical, Electrical and Environmental Engineering Technology programs at Three Rivers Community College with up to fifteen two-year scholarship awards, each of which includes:

- Tuition and fees
  - Books
  - Monthly stipend
- Application for additional aid, based on financial need, may be initiated by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. The Student Aid Report that is sent back to you must then be submitted to the Financial Aid Officer at Three Rivers who will then determine the amount of additional aid that can be offered.

Numerous factors are considered when selecting scholarship recipients. Outstanding achievement in a single area does not assure a scholarship award, nor does weakness in some area necessitate rejection. All factors are evaluated to develop a total picture of previous school and job performance to predict probability of success at Three Rivers.

#### Factors considered include:

- High School grade point average (especially in science and math courses) and class rank, as well as any post-secondary academic work.
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores, especially mathematics.
- Demonstrated skills, aptitudes or experience.
- Extracurricular activities.
- Written essay.
- Personal interview.

Download application: <http://www.trcc.comnet.edu/EngTechScholarships.htm>

**MARCH**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/March.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/March.htm)

**Central Connecticut State University****Department of Music****Scholarship for singers****CCSU University Singers 2008-2009****Deadline: March 1, 2008**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Choral experience. Successful audition for University Singers. (vocal quality, sight reading ability, tonal memory, musical expressiveness.) Two (2) recommendations that attest to musical abilities and leadership.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Membership in University Singers each semester student is on scholarship. A 3.5 in University Singers and a 2.8 overall GPA required to remain on scholarship. A theory and/or sight singing course may be required. Leadership and organizational duties will be expected. This year a slight advantage will be given to applications from tenors!

**FEATURES:** Students receiving scholarship award will have half-tuition paid by the university for four years. Two awards will be given to incoming freshmen each year. Additional awards may be available for up to two transfer students.

**APPLICATION:** Applicants must first be admitted to CCSU a letter expressing interest in the school program, with two letters of recommendation, and a resume indicating musical experience should be submitted.

**ADDRESS:** Dr. Pamela J. Perry, University Singers Scholarship Program, Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT 06050 | 860-832-2912 | [Perry@ccsu.edu](mailto:Perry@ccsu.edu) | [www.music.ccsu.edu](http://www.music.ccsu.edu)

**The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of Connecticut****Deadline: March 1, 2008**

Award: 3 - \$1,250

Scholarships: The Mrs. Henry Griggs Isham Scholarship  
The Bernice Andrews Livingston Rieg Scholarship  
The Jordon Konov Scholarship

**Criteria:**

Applicants do NOT need to be member of our Society or related to the Society in any way.

**Requirements:**

- You must be a resident of the state of Connecticut and a graduating senior of a Connecticut secondary school, public or private
- You must have confirmed plans to attend a college or university (copy of letter of acceptance or copy of submitted applications).
- You must provide all requested documentation.
- The Chairperson must receive the completed application and all required documentation no later than March 1.
- Academic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, community service and financial need will be considered in the review of each application.
- The recipient will be notified in the spring. The monies will be disbursed at the start of the second semester.
- Evidence of your enrollment at a college or university is a prerequisite to the actual award.

**Johnson & Wales University****High School Students****National High School Chef of the Year****Deadline: March 3, 2008**

In the past the contest has been so hot that it has received coverage on TV Food Network in an hour-long special titled "[Top Teen Chef](#)."

For the 2007 competition, high school students from the US were invited to submit a Healthy Heritage dinner or dessert recipe. Twenty finalists (high school juniors or seniors), chosen from more than 700 entries, were flown to JWU's Charlotte campus over the weekend of March 16-18, 2007 to impress the judges with their original creations. With full, four-year scholarships on the line, the heat was on.

The entries were judged upon taste, presentation, choices, accuracy of the recipe, nutritious value, originality, cost effectiveness, appearance, cooking techniques and creativity.

The following prizes were awarded:

Junior and Senior Prize Details:

- Grand Prize: A full tuition renewable scholarship\* to JWU for the grand prize winner in the dinner and dessert categories (2 winners) -- plus a personal meeting with celebrity chef, author and JWU alum Tyler Florence.
- First Runner Up: \$7,500 renewable tuition scholarship\* to JWU for each first runner-up in the dinner and dessert categories (2 winners).
- Second Runner Up: \$5,000 renewable tuition scholarship\* to JWU for each second runner-up in the dinner and dessert categories (2 winners).
- Additional Finalists: \$3,500 renewable tuition scholarships\* to JWU for other finalists in the dinner and dessert categories (14 winners).

All Finalists: an autographed copy of Tyler Florence's cookbook Eat This Book. The first 300 entries that met minimum standards received a \$1000 one-time grant and a certificate of participation.

Additional Information: <http://culinary.jwu.edu/content1263.html>

**Connecticut Alarm & Systems Integrators Association****Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2008**

CASIA Scholarship awards for children of Police & Fire Officials graduating high school in June 2008.

CASIA is pleased to offer the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Police/Fire Scholarship Awards to two deserving and qualified high school seniors graduating in 2008. Connecticut's first prize will be \$1,000 and second prize \$500, along with a recognition plaque. CASIA's first place winner will be automatically entered into the National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA) Youth Scholarship program, where the prizes are \$6,500 (1<sup>st</sup>) and \$3,500 (2<sup>nd</sup>).

To be eligible, a student must fulfill the following requirements:

- The student must be at least 15 years of age, and not older than 20 years of age.
- He or she must be a graduating senior in the Class of June 2008, who will receive a diploma from an accredited high school located in Connecticut.
- He or she must be accepted for admission to an accredited college or university matriculating in the Fall, 2008.
- Each eligible student must have a father, mother or natural guardian who is a full-time paid employee (not on disability or retired) of the Connecticut Police or Fire Communities. Volunteer fire department are recognized. However, students who are volunteers themselves, but not the child of a firefighter, are not eligible.
- An essay of 500-700 words based on the theme "what it means to ME to have my parent or guardian involved in securing our community."

Completed applications are to be submitted no later than Friday, March 7, 2008 to CASIA Scholarship Committee, PO Box 7230 | Wilton, CT 06897 | 203-762-2444 | Fax: 203-762-9211 | <http://www.casiact.org/> | email: [premes@casiact.org](mailto:premes@casiact.org)

**MAY**

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/May.htm](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/May.htm)

**MHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP****PROGRAM****DEADLINE: MAY 2, 2008****Criteria for Selection:**

There are TWO awards.

- MHSAA Scholarship - \$500:** will be made to a graduating senior of Montville High School, planning to continue his/her education in an accredited two or four year, technical college, university or post-secondary institution.
- MHS Alumni Parent Scholarship - \$750:** will be made to a son or daughter of an MHS alumnus, graduating from any accredited high school, planning to continue his/her education in an accredited two or four year, technical college, university or post-secondary institution.
- Two letters of recommendation from adults that are not related to the applicant.
- Essay: not to exceed 500 words - Topic: "Your hope for the Future of your Alma Mater"
- An official copy of applicant's high school transcript with SAT scores (maybe submitted without SAT scores if the institutions applied to, does not require them.)

**NOTE:**

In the event that there are no qualifying applications received, the MHS Alumni Scholarship Committee reserves the right to alter the criteria for selection to ensure that both scholarships are awarded.

Download the application by visiting the May web page of the Counseling & Career Scholarship Web Site.



## COLLEGE TESTING PROGRAMS

[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/College\\_Testing\\_Programs.html](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/College_Testing_Programs.html)

### ACT 2007–2008 Registration Dates

<http://www.actstudent.org/regist/currentdates.html>

Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Fee
12/8/07	12/2/07	11/3–15/07
2/9/08	1/4/08	1/5–18/08
4/12/08	3/7/08	3/8–21/08

#### ACT (No Writing) \$30.00

Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested as part of registration.

#### ACT Plus Writing \$44.50

Includes reports for you, your high school, and up to four colleges requested as part of registration. The \$14.50 Writing Test fee is refundable, upon request, if you are absent on test day or you remove the Writing Test option before you begin testing.

### SAT 2007-2008

#### Test Dates and Registration Deadlines

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees.html>

Test Dates	Test	Registration Deadlines *	
		U.S. Regular	U.S. Late (fee applies)
12/1/07	SAT & Subject Tests	10/30/07	11/8/07
1/26/08	SAT & Subject Tests	12/26/07	1/4/08
3/1/08	SAT only	1/29/08	2/7/08
5/3/08	SAT & Subject Tests	4/1/08	4/10/08
6/7/08	SAT & Subject Tests	5/6/08	5/15/08

Test	Fees
SAT Reasoning Test	\$43.00
SAT Subject Tests - Basic registration fee	\$20.00

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/sat/calenefees/fees.html>

## QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE [WWW.FASTWEB.COM](http://www.fastweb.com)

### INFORMATION ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

American Legion – Need a Lift –

College Financial Aid Handbook.....<http://www.needalift.org/>  
 FastWeb's College Gold.....[www.collegegold.org](http://www.collegegold.org)  
 Federal Student Aid for Students.....[studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)  
 FinAid.....[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)  
 Mapping Your Future.....[www.mapping-your-future.org](http://www.mapping-your-future.org)  
 Project Scholarship Scam.....[www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)  
 Taxes for Students.....[www.irs.gov/individuals/students](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students)

### SOURCES OF AID

Scholarship Search.....[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
 AmeriCorps.....[www.americorps.org](http://www.americorps.org)  
 CSS/PROFILE.....[profileonline.collegeboard.com](http://profileonline.collegeboard.com)  
 Direct Loans.....[www.ed.gov/directloan](http://www.ed.gov/directloan)  
 FAFSA (Free App. for Federal Student Aid).....[www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
 FAFSA PIN.....[www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)  
 Resources by State.....[www.finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/state.phtml)

### GENERAL INFORMATION

American Legion – Need a Lift –

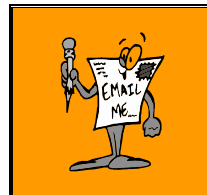
College Financial Aid Handbook.....<http://www.needalift.org/>  
 Social Security Administration.....[www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)  
 Selective Service.....[www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov)  
 Student Gateway to U.S. Government.....[www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)  
 Study Abroad.....[www.studyabroad.com](http://www.studyabroad.com)  
 U.S. Department of Education.....[www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov)

### COLLEGE ADMISSIONS & TESTING

ACT.....[www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
 AP.....[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/about.html)  
 SAT.....[www.sat.org](http://www.sat.org)  
 PSAT.....[www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html](http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/about.html)

### CHOOSING A MAJOR & CAREER

Career Planning.....[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
 Monster (Job Search).....[www.monster.com](http://www.monster.com)  
 America's Career Infonet.....[www.acinet.org](http://www.acinet.org)  
 Bureau of Labor Statistics.....[stats.bls.gov](http://stats.bls.gov)  
 Occupational Outlook Handbook.....[www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco)



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 & type CCNews in the subject line.

## 10 TIPS FOR WINNING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Kay Peterson, Ph.D.

Before you submit your scholarship application, check out these tips, provided by scholarship sponsors nationwide.

- **Tip #1:** Apply only if you are eligible. Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before you send in your application.
- **Tip #2:** Complete the application in full. If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave a blank. Supply all additional supporting material, such as transcripts, letters of recommendation and essays.
- **Tip #3:** Follow directions. Provide everything that's required, but don't supply things that aren't requested—you could be disqualified.
- **Tip #4:** Neatness counts. Always type your application, or if you must print, do so neatly and legibly. Make a couple of photocopies of all the forms before you fill them out. Use the copies as working drafts as you develop your application packet.
- **Tip #5:** Write an essay that makes a strong impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: the who, what, where, and when of your topic. The simplest experience can be monumental if you present honestly how you were affected.
- **Tip #6:** Watch all deadlines. To help keep yourself on track, impose your own deadline that is at least two weeks prior to the official deadline. Use the buffer time to make sure everything is ready on time. Don't rely on extensions—very few scholarship providers allow them at all.
- **Tip #7:** Make sure your application gets where it needs to go. Put your name (and Social Security number, if applicable) on all pages of the application. Pieces of your application may get lost unless they are clearly identified.
- **Tip #8:** Keep a back-up file in case anything goes wrong. Before sending the application, make a copy of the entire packet. If your application goes astray, you'll be able to reproduce it quickly.
- **Tip #9:** Give it a final "once-over." Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.
- **Tip #10:** Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, don't hesitate to call the funding organization.

## CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

### College / University Visitation Schedule

For a complete listing of all College / Universities visiting the Career Resource Center visit:  
[www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/MHS\\_College\\_Visitation\\_Schedule.html](http://www.montvilleschools.org/highschool/Guidance/News/MHS_College_Visitation_Schedule.html)

OCTOBER		
Date	Time	College / University / Military Information
Mon., 10/29	11:30	<b>Bryant University, Smithfield, RI</b> (800) 622-7001   <a href="http://www.bryant.edu">www.bryant.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:admission@bryant.edu">admission@bryant.edu</a> \$27,639 Type of School: Private   College of Business   Liberal Arts College   Four-year   Coed SAT Reading: 500 – 580   Math: 540 – 620   Writing: 510 – 590   ACT : 21 – 25 Most Popular Majors: For Bachelor's Degrees: Business/Marketing, Computer and Information Sciences
Mon., 10/29	12:00	<b>Long Island University – CW Post Campus, Brookville, NY</b> (800) 548-7526   <a href="http://www.liu.edu">www.liu.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:enroll@cwpost.liu.edu">enroll@cwpost.liu.edu</a> Type of School: Private   Branch Campus   University   Four-year   Coed   SAT Reading: 440 – 550   Math: 440 – 550 \$25,950
Wed., 10/31	9:00	<b>Massachusetts College of Pharmacy &amp; Health Sciences, Boston</b> (800) 225-5506   <a href="http://www.mcphs.edu">www.mcphs.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:admissions@mcphs.edu">admissions@mcphs.edu</a> Type of School: Private   College of Health Sciences   College of Pharmacy   Four-year   Coed   \$22,700 SAT Reading: 480 – 570   Math: 520 – 630   Writing: 480 – 580   ACT : 21 – 25 Most Popular Majors: Bachelor's Degrees: Health Professions
NOVEMBER		
Thurs., 11/1	8:45	<b>Drew University, Madison, New Jersey</b> (973) 408-3000   <a href="http://www.drew.edu">www.drew.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:cadm@drew.edu">cadm@drew.edu</a> \$34,790 Type of School: Private   Liberal Arts College   University   Four-year   United Methodist Church   Coed SAT Reading: 530 – 650   Math: 530 – 630   Writing: 530 – 640   ACT : 24 – 28   Most Popular Majors: For Bachelor's Degrees: Social Sciences, English, Psychology, Visual and Performing Arts, Foreign Languages and Literature, Interdisciplinary Studies, Biology
Tues. 11/6	10:30	<b>US Marines - Sgt. Cardona - 885-2133</b>
Wed., 11/7	11:00	<b>US NAVY – Chris Maple – 442-9803</b>
Thurs, 11/8	10:30	<b>Briarwood College, Southington, Connecticut</b> (800) 952-2444   <a href="http://www.briarwood.edu">www.briarwood.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:admis@briarwood.edu">admis@briarwood.edu</a> Contact: Al Lorenzetti - 1-800-952-2444 x 141 Type of School: Proprietary   Junior College   Four-year   Coed Tuition: \$17,135 Most Popular Majors: For Associate Degrees: Health Professions, Business/Marketing, Law, Liberal Arts NEW Offerings: Dental Hygiene   Nuclear Medical Technician
Tue., 11/13	12:00	<b>University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI</b> (401) 874-1000   <a href="http://www.uri.edu">www.uri.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:admission@uri.edu">admission@uri.edu</a> \$23,038 Type of School: Public   University   Four-year   Coed   SAT Reading: 490 – 590   SAT Math: 510 – 610 Most Popular Majors: For Bachelor's Degrees: Business/Marketing, Communications/Journalism, Education, Engineering, Health Professions, Social Sciences, Psychology, Biology, Personal & Miscellaneous Services
Thurs., 1/15	10:00	<b>Rivier College, Nashua, New Hampshire</b> (800) 447-4843   <a href="http://www.rivier.edu">www.rivier.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:rivadmit@rivier.edu">rivadmit@rivier.edu</a> \$22,760 Type of School: Private   Liberal Arts College   Four-year   Roman Catholic Church   Coed Most Popular Majors: For Associate Degrees: Health Professions, Visual and Performing Arts For Bachelor's Degrees: Education, Health Professions, Business/Marketing, Psychology, Visual and Performing Arts, Social Sciences
Mon., 11/19	10:00	<b>University of New Haven, West Haven, CT</b> (800) 342-5864   <a href="http://www.newhaven.edu">www.newhaven.edu</a>   <a href="mailto:admin@newhaven.edu">admin@newhaven.edu</a> \$25,953 SAT Reading: 450 – 560   Math: 450 – 580   Writing: 450 – 560   Most Popular Majors: For Associate Degrees: Health Professions, Business/Marketing, Security & Protective Services, Engineering   For Bachelor's Degrees: Security & Protective Services, Business/Marketing, Engineering, Visual & Performing Arts, Biology
Tues., 11/20	9:30	<b>Southern Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT</b> (203) 392-5200   (888) 500-7278   <a href="http://www.southernct.edu">www.southernct.edu</a> \$6,624 Type of School: Public   University   Four-year   Coed   SAT Reading: 420 – 470   Math: 420 – 460 Most Popular Majors: For Associate Degrees: Liberal Arts   For Bachelor's Degrees: Psychology, Business/Marketing, Education, Health Professions Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Communications/Journalism

### Get Noticed: 10 College Essay Tips

- 1. Don't "recycle" essays.** An essay that sounds like it has been used before will blend with everyone else's.
- 2. Captivate your audience.** Make your essay engaging and memorable. Include a quick, enticing intro; give a reason to finish reading it.
- 3. Be yourself.** Choose a topic that is meaningful to you. Use your own voice. Show off a side of yourself that your application does not; don't simply write what you think an admissions office wants to hear.
- 4. Accentuate the positive.** When writing about a personal experience, emphasize how the experience changed you for the better.
- 5. Write in the active voice.** Doing so will make for a clearer, more concise essay.
- 6. Don't overextend.** Your essay isn't a term paper. Stay focused on your topic.
- 7. Ask people for input.** Whether it's a teacher, counselor, friend or parent, ask someone you respect for some candid feedback. Is it confusing? Boring?
- 8. Leave time for rewriting.** Look for weak or dull spots and spelling and grammatical errors. Never let your first draft be your final draft.
- 9. Revise, reword.** Improve on your first draft through various rewrites. Read the essay aloud to find awkward sentences or problems.
- 10. Pursue perfection.** Have someone else look it over. Quadruple-check the spelling. Type your essay carefully.



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Visit [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) to search over \$3 billion in scholarships!

## Scholarship Scams Tip Sheet

### 10 Scam Warning Signs

Several of these red flags could be an indication that you are dealing with a scholarship scam:

- 1. Fees:** Scammers use bogus fees such as "application," "disbursement," "redemption," and "processing fees" as a way to take your money. Scholarships should not require any fees. Check out the *free* search at [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com).
- 2. Credit card or bank account information needed:** Never give credit card or bank account info to receive aid. If you have, call your bank or credit card issuer immediately.
- 3. Scholarship guarantee:** No one controls judges' decisions. Be wary of "high success rates," which often refer to award matches, not award winners.
- 4. No work involved:** Legitimate scholarship applications require time. No one should complete them for you.
- 5. No contact information:** Before you apply, confirm the sponsor's contact info. They should supply a valid e-mail, mailing address and phone number upon request.
- 6. Unsolicited scholarships:** If you are called to receive an award for which you never applied, be alert. Ask where the sponsor got your contact information.
- 7. Pressure tactics:** Never allow yourself to be pressured into applying for a scholarship, especially if the sponsor is asking you to pay money up front.
- 8. Claims of "exclusive" scholarships:** Legitimate sponsors will not restrict knowledge about their award to a single service.
- 9. An official-sounding name or endorsement does not automatically mean legitimacy:** A sponsor may use words like "national," "education" or "federal" or have an official-looking seal, but might still be a scammer.
- 10. Your questions aren't answered directly:** Proceed with caution if you are not given a straight answer from a sponsor regarding their application, what will be done with your information or other questions.

### Found a Scam? Been Scammed?

Report the suspected scammer to local law enforcement, and any of the following organizations:

#### National Fraud Information Center (NFIC)

Ph: 1-800-876-7060, Web: [www.fraud.org](http://www.fraud.org)

#### United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

To report scams found via postal mail:

Ph: 1-800-654-8896

Web: [www.usps.com/postalinspectors/fraud](http://www.usps.com/postalinspectors/fraud)

#### Better Business Bureau (BBB)

Be sure to have the address of the company about whom you are filing the complaint.

Ph: 1-703-276-0100, Web: [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org)

#### Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Fill out an online complaint form or call toll-free:

Ph: 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)

Web: [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams)

### Creative Scams: Seminars and Consultants

Seminars and Consultants find creative ways to take your money. Know the warning signs and avoid getting scammed!

#### Seminars:

**Claim:** "Our presentation is completely free."

**Reality:** While the presentation is free, a seminar may use high pressure tactics to try to get you signed up for the service. It may also claim that the price will increase if you do not sign up now, or that questions can be answered only if you pay.

**Claim:** "We can help you complete complicated forms."

**Reality:** Everyone needs the same information to complete the forms. If you pay for help, it is still up to you to do the work of assembling the information.

**Claim:** "We'll find loopholes to help you save money."

**Reality:** The company may be encouraging you to commit fraud by entering inaccurate info to make it seem like you earn less money. These practices are dishonest and illegal!

#### Consultants:

**Claim:** "We'll help you complete complicated forms."

**Reality:** You *still* have to fill out the same basic information for a fee-based service that you would for the FAFSA; how else would they get your information?

**Claim:** "We'll find different ways to report your income and assets to obtain more aid."

**Reality:** a) This information is available for *free* at FinAid: [www.finaid.org/fafsa/maximize.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/fafsa/maximize.phtml).

b) While these services can be legitimate, remember that colleges can request additional documentation about your finances.

### Where Can I Go For Free Help?

Financial aid should not cost you anything. Consider getting help from these **free sources**:

- *FastWeb*-[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- *FinAid*-[www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- *Libraries*
- *HS counselors*
- *US Dept. of Education*
- *Any college's financial aid office*
- *Ph: 1-800-4-FED-AID*
- *www.collegegoalsundayusa.org*
- *Web: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>*

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